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The Honorable Bill Hardiman, Chair
Senate Appropriations Subcommittee on DHS
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The Honorable Dudley Spade, Chair
House Appropriations Subcommittee on DHS
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Dear Senator Hardiman and Representative Spade:

Section 532(1) of Public Act 248 (Enrolled House Bill No. 5814), requires the Department of Human Services (DHS) to report to the Legislature on the department's implementation of the licensing and contract compliance review process.

DHS initially addressed this section by convening a collaborative work group in December 2004, which concluded work in February 2006. In summary, the Bureau of Children and Adult Licensing (BCAL) and the Purchased Services Division (PSD):

- Eliminated duplicative onsite inspection activities when legally permitted.
- Took steps to eliminate PSD rule-related reviews of agency functions, which are also monitored by BCAL.
- Coordinated routine onsite inspections and complaint investigations when feasible and legally permitted.
- Formalized a process for sharing investigative findings.

In March 2008, BCAL drafted an administrative rule which would allow nationally accredited child caring Institutions to request a modified onsite inspection. A similar administrative rule for child placing agencies will be considered during a rules work group scheduled to convene in January 2009.

If you have any questions regarding this information, please contact John Sorbet, chief administrative officer, at (517) 373-7787.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Ismael Ahmed".

Ismael Ahmed

cc: Senate and House Appropriations Subcommittees on DHS
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